

Rousing reception to yacht Trishna

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, Feb 1: A large phalanx of army and naval officers playing their band and helicopters hovering over the Yachting Club gave a rousing reception today to six Indian Army men on a world cruise in their sailing vessel Trishna, when they arrived here at 10 am.

The Army men began their voyage on October 12, last year from Gosport, UK.

On October 17, Trishna was hit by a severe storm in the Atlantic with winds of over 50 knots, blinding rain and waves 30 to 40 feet high. The storm lasted for over 14 hours, they said.

Trishna is reported to have been hit by at least two more gales during its voyage. Its first halt was at Alderney near France.

The Army men, who appeared to be in a healthy and jovial mood, said "excellent" when asked about their trip.

In September 85, Trishna will set sail on an around-the-World trip from Bombay touching Mauritius, the Cape of Good Hope, St. Helena

Island, Ascension Island, Barbados, Port Royal through the Panama Canal, Galapagos Island, Tahiti, Auckland, Sydney, Thursday Island, Java, Singapore, Colombo and back to Bombay. The estimated time for the tour is one year and six months.

This is the first time that Indians are attempting to sail around the World in a yacht.

In fact, it is also the first time that Indians have sailed the entire distance from UK to India in a yacht. They are: Lt. Col. T. Chowdhury, team manager and watch leader, Maj. K S Rao, the skipper, Maj. A P Singh, Maj. A T Singh, Lt. S Shekhar and Lt. C Bharat. Maj. S N Mathur and Capt. M S Pillai.